



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST BAY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-16

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT REMOVAL OF THE SUNSET PROVISIONS FROM 2003 PA 14.

WHEREAS, the legislature has provided in 2003 PA 14 for the removal of vegetation and other beach maintenance activities id the beach was a beach prior to 1997, is not in a designated environmentally sensitive area, and does not violate the endangered species act of 1973; and

WHEREAS, we have supported in the past, and continue to support, a Great Lakes riparian owner's right to maintain their shoreline property; and

WHEREAS, the beaches in this county have been adversely affected by pollution, sewage spills and invasive species; and

WHEREAS, Lake Michigan is in a period of extremely low water that exposed expansive beach front to new invasive vegetation growth and swales; and

WHEREAS, this expansive growth of invasive species is detrimental to the use and enjoyment of the shoreline property by the owner, residents and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Supreme Court permits walking along the shoreline, removal of the invasive vegetation and swales is necessary to permit walking the shoreline; and

WHEREAS, shoreline residents have maintained their beaches without any state or federal funding; and

WHEREAS, the risk of West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne illness is higher in mosquito infested swales, and both residents and visitors have experienced, or have been exposed to the possibility of, bacterial infection from wading in shoreline swales; and

WHEREAS, many complaints have been received by visitors to our area that they are disappointed in the quality of our beaches prior to 2003 PA 14; and

WHEREAS, removing the sunset provision of 2003 PA 14 will continue to permit a common sense approach to beach maintenance, improved tourism and health for our residents and visitors, and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that East Bay Charter Township supports local residents and commercial shoreline property owners being able to preserve, maintain and restore their beaches

The foregoing was offered by Trustee McAllister and seconded by Clerk Courtade

Upon a Roll Call vote the following voted in favor of the Resolution:

Ayes: Clerk Courtade, Trustee McAllister, Treasurer Bartlett, Supervisor Lile,

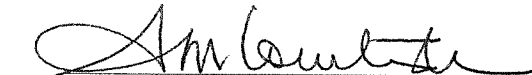
Nays: Trustee Friend, Trustee LaRose

Absent: Trustee Strait

The Supervisor declared the Resolution adopted.

Certification

I, Susanne M. Courtade, herby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of East Bay, County of Grand Traverse, Michigan at a Regular Meeting held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act 261, of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1968.



Susanne M. Courtade, Clerk